# **Pacific Military Realignment**

"The Guam Buildup"

**Program Status Update** 

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## Background

- US-Japanese Alliance Transformation Realignment Agreement of 2006 committed US & Japan to complex policy and strategy initiatives
  - Consists of six related major initiatives
  - ➤ Includes repositioning of US and Japan defense forces on Okinawa, Japan, and Guam
- US GOJ cost share agreement to move III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF) to Guam
  - ➤ Initial cost estimates = \$10.3 Billion
  - ➤ GOJ Funding 60%; US Funding 40%
  - > Challenges
    - Construction Capacity on Guam
    - Guam Infrastructure
    - Labor
- ❖ Direct / indirect costs for Guam community estimated ~ \$2B

## Background (cont'd)

- US Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) is designated executive agent for the buildup
- DOD established the Joint Guam Program Office (JGPO) to provide buildup:
  - > Program Oversight and Management
  - Strategic Policy Development
  - Synchronize and Coordinate Efforts
  - ➤ Liaison to Internal and External Organizations
  - > NEPA/EIS Action Proponent
  - > Implementation of Joint Base concepts
- Timeline for complete relocation of III MEF <u>originally</u> planned for 4 years (2010-2014)

## Overview of New USMC Laydown

- Agreed Implementation Plan (AIP) under the 2006 Roadmap: Approx. 8600 Marines plus 9000 dependants
- Adjustment to the 2006 Realignment Roadmap
  - ➤ April 2012 Adjustment: Approx. 9000 Marines (and dependants) still leaving Okinawa
  - Cost estimates = \$8.6 Billion
  - ➤ GOJ Funding \$3.1B; US Funding \$5.5B
  - > Reduced number of Marines coming to Guam
    - 5000 Marines plus 1300 dependants
    - Two-thirds of the force is rotational (180 days)
    - Remaining 4000 leaving Okinawa will be going to Hawaii and Australia
- \* Adjustments necessary to "...realize a U.S. force posture in the Asia-Pacific region that is more geographically distributed, operationally resilient and politically sustainable."

### **USMC Units on Guam**

- Coming to Guam under the April 2012 Adjustment
  - > 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Brigade Headquarters
  - > 4th Marine Regiment
  - > Elements of aviation, ground and support units from the III MEF
- Existing Marine Air Combat Element at Andersen AFB decided under previous roadmap agreement remains unchanged

## **Environmental Strategy**

- March 2012 Live-Fire Training Range Complex (LFTRC)
   Supplemental EIS was re-scoped to include an assessment for the reduced number of Marines on Guam
  - ➤ Smaller footprint may make additional base (cantonment) and family housing alternatives available for consideration
  - Impacts may be lessened but still significant
- Analysis of LFTRC, main cantonment, and family housing alternatives
  - > Supporting utilities and infrastructure needs, related relocations of existing DoD missions, and associated mitigation.
- Some actions decided by the 2010 ROD remain in place and will not be analyzed in the SEIS
  - ➤ Tinian training, wing at Andersen AFB, non-live fire training at Andersen South, Apra Harbor wharf improvements

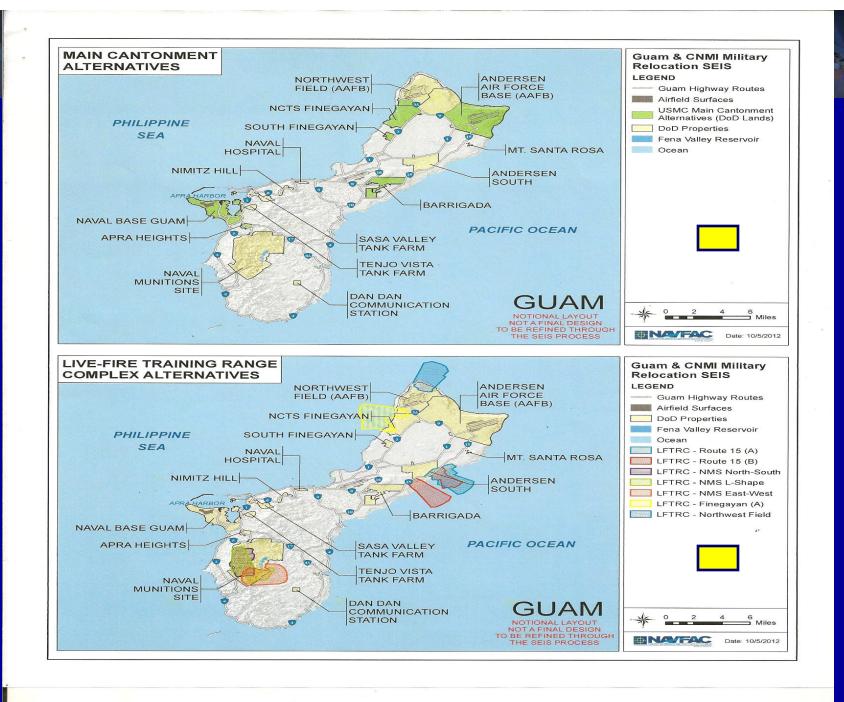
#### **LFTRC and Cantonment Alternatives**

#### Seven LFTRC alternatives

- > Route 15A and Route 15B in northeastern Guam
- ➤ Three alternatives located at or immediately adjacent to the Naval Munitions Site (NMS)
- > Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB) Northwest Field in northern Guam
- ➤ Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Finegayan on the northwest coast of Guam

#### Five preliminary alternatives for main cantonment/family housing:

- >-AAFB
- –NCTS Finegayan
- > -NCTS Finegayan (main cantonment) / South Finegayan Navy Housing (family housing)
- > -Navy and Air Force Barrigada in the central area of Guam
- Naval Base Guam in the Apra Harbor area



## **PACOM Objectives**

During testimony to U.S. Congress House Armed Services Committee hearing on "The Posture of the U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Strategic Command"

The commander of U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Samuel Locklear, encouraged Congress to accelerate funding for the realignment of forces in the Asia-Pacific region, including providing money to move about 8,000 Marines from Okinawa to Guam and Hawaii.

Based on current planning estimates, Adm. Locklear said...

"the relocation of Marines from Okinawa to Guam may be completed by 2020. The relocation of forces to Hawaii has a 2026 completion target."

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## **Proposed Schedule**

12 Oct 2012 Notice for Expanded SEIS

10 Dec 2012 End Public Comment Period

Fall 2013 Draft SEIS

Winter 2014 Final SEIS

Early CY 2015 Record of Decision

2020 Proposed Completion

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